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Seats for women in Government Colleges

* 3062 *Q*.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state why the Government have restricted number of seats for women in Government Colleges?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Government have not restricted the number of seats for women in Government colleges. But the University, considering the facilities available for women students, has fixed the maximum number of girls to be admitted in the several colleges.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: This year even after the period for admission was over, there were advertisements that seats in colleges were vacant, and many girl students went without admission. May I suggest to the Government to see that at least in such cases women applicants are considered for admission?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: The point for consideration is this. When girl students are admitted, there should be special facilities available there—common room for them, bathroom facilities and other things. Without these facilities if we admit any number of girl students, that will create difficulties. That is why the University goes into the matter and makes a recommendation with reference to the maximum number of girls who could be admitted into each institution. If simply because there are vacancies we admit the girl students without the necessary facilities, it would create difficulties for them.

Retrenchment in the Government Anamalai Cinchona Plantations

* 3063 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of workers retrenched during 1954 in the Government Anamalais, Cinchona Plantations, for reasons of old age and unfitness for work?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: No workers in the Government Cinchona Plantations, Anamalais, were retrenched during the year 1954 on grounds of old age and unfitness for work.

* 3064 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Industrial Disputes Act, 1953, has been applied to the Cinchona Plantations in Anamalais with special reference to the retrenchment benefit and lay off compensation?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir. The Industrial Disputes Act, 1953, has been made applicable to the Government Cinchona Plantations.

* 3065 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the Anamalai Plantation Labour Workers' Union during August 1955 to grant an advance to the plantation labourers before the Deepavali?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir.